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Students declare election candidacy

BY AMY S. MAIO
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

Campaign season officially got underway Friday afternoon when the deadline for candidate declaration passed at 5 p.m. Compared to previous years, the candidate pool is significantly smaller, especially in the SA Senate races, said Chris Moody, chair of the Joint Elections Committee.

"It may very well be that people didn't remember that (Friday) was the deadline," Moody said, referring to rumors that some would-be candidates simply forgot the 5 p.m. deadline. If that's the case, Moody said "there's not very much we can do about it," because the JEC has no plans to extend the deadline.

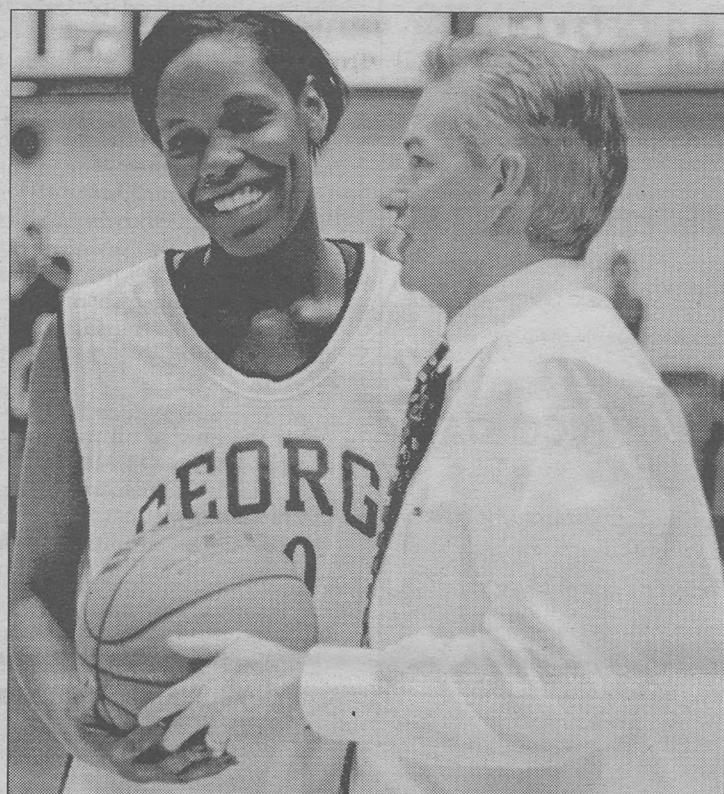
The race for Student Association president and executive vice president have five and four candidates, respectively — the same numbers in last year's election.

Running for SA President will be Terry Miller, junior Andrew Lewis, sophomore Adam Siple, junior Kuyomars "Q" Golparvar and sophomore Jeff Butler.

Candidates for SA executive vice president include Ryan Johnson, law student Jahna Hartwig, junior Tony Sayegh and Kirti Patel.

Three of the five presidential candidates — Golparvar, Lewis and Siple — hold positions in the Student Association, which has caused spec-

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Claire Duggan/Photo Editor

A beaming Tajama Abraham accepts congratulations from head coach Joe McKeown after becoming GW's all-time scoring leader Saturday against La Salle. (See story, p. 15)

SA exchange nets lower sales in 1997

Advertising, changing locations blamed

BY DAVID JONES
HATCHET REPORTER

The Student Association Book Exchange raised \$15,682 this year, a decline from last year's \$20,000, according to SA Vice President of Academic Affairs David Cleary.

This year's decrease is being blamed on difficulties publicizing the event stemming from The White House's International Conference on Aviation Safety and Security, which was held in the Marvin Center at the same time as the book exchange. The conference forced the book exchange to change its location at the last moment.

"The fact that the conference displaced us was a major problem," Cleary said. "We were originally supposed to have a lot more room. Because of the last minute changes, we had a hard time publicizing the event."

Derek Pillie, a sophomore who

co-organized this year's book exchange, agreed with Cleary.

"In the publicity that we produced for the event, we could not publicize the location of the event," Pillie said. "If people don't know where the event is going to be, then they aren't going to participate."

In addition, the University's contract with Follett Co., which runs the GW Bookstore, prohibited the SA from advertising direct price comparisons.

However, Pillie added that he felt the time and effort put into the event by the volunteers eventually paid off.

"We were concerned that no one would show up at all," Pillie said. "Then we had over 1,000 receipts turned in. Despite all of the complications and difficulties we encountered, a large number of students benefited from this, even if it wasn't as many as last year."

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Clinton's D.C. plan might affect GW

University may take on additional services if budget proposal is adopted

BY LEE RUMBARGER
NEWS EDITOR

President Clinton's plan to revitalize the District by having federal agencies take control of various D.C. programs is being watched closely by University officials.

"This will have an impact on GW, but it's too hard to say what at this

juncture," said Vice President and Treasurer Louis Katz.

Rather than the annual \$660 million federal payment to the District, Clinton's proposal would lift the responsibility of maintaining roads, running courts and prisons and collecting taxes from a local government faltering under the weight of sustaining such

urban necessities.

"When the city can't provide some services, GW has to," Katz said, pointing to the upkeep of roads and sidewalks.

The Clinton proposal "all sounds good conceptually," Katz said. "There are clearly some structural budget problems" that the city or the federal government

must fix, he added.

The only change in services University officials know to anticipate is an increase in water costs, though this is not specifically part of the Clinton plan, Katz said.

The D.C. Water and Sewer Authority voted Dec. 5 to end discounts to nonprofit organizations. Though Katz said GW does not pay reduced rates, water costs will increase for "all consumer users" to collect additional cash for the District's strapped budget.

Though Katz said this hike will not mean an additional fee for students, passing responsibilities from local government to federal agencies may mean changes for GW.

"If the cost of running the institution goes up," Katz said, it will mean "increasing (University) revenue or decreasing some programs."

Other aspects of the Clinton plan include bailing out the District's \$5 billion shortfall in its retirement pension plan, creating tax incentives to encourage investment downtown and in struggling neighborhoods and putting federal dollars into D.C.'s annual Medicaid bills, The Washington Post reported.

Though this increases federal involvement in the District, Congress would no longer need to approve the city's annual budget.

JEC keeps 50 percent election threshold

Student leaders say provision violates SA constitution, may fight rule in Court

BY MATT BERGER
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

The final rules of the Joint Elections Committee have caused controversy because of a stipulation that a candidate needs to garner 50 percent of the vote to win an election without a run-off.

According to Student Association officials, this new provision violates their constitution.

The SA constitution states that "the president and executive vice president shall be elected by an at-large plurality of at least 40 percent of votes cast for those respective offices."

The JEC claims that because the constitution states "at least 40 percent," it has the right to increase this threshold.

"There has been no intent or effort to do any-

thing that violates any of the three (SA, Program Board and Marvin Center Governing Board) constitutions," JEC Chair Christopher Moody said.

"It saddens me that they didn't uphold our constitution," SA Executive Vice President Dianne Gayoski said.

"We feel something has to be done," SA President Damian McKenna said. He said his options include pulling the SA's JEC representatives, censuring the JEC, taking the matter to Student Court or accepting the ruling of the JEC.

McKenna will make an announcement of his intentions at Tuesday's Senate meeting. It is unlikely that he will accept the ruling of the JEC.

"It's the right of the JEC to make the rules,"

McKenna said. "I respect what they have done and what they will do."

"There is a proper way to amend the constitution," said Senate Rules Chair Jahna Hartwig (GW Law School), who is running for EVP. "If a student wants the change from a plurality to a majority, they should put a referendum on the ballot this year. They should not try to circumvent the constitution."

The JEC will not change its rules without a fight.

"The final rules have been printed," Moody said. "We were willing to engage in conversation over anything in the preliminary rules," he added.

The JEC charter expires at the end of this year's elections and will then revert back to the

(See MCKENNA, p. 13)

Triple Bulls Shot

If GW bars suck, then Georgetown bars swallow

It's not often that I roam the back streets of Georgetown (i.e., anything not on M Street), but recently I've caught myself in remote and uncharted areas, with such strangely named streets as "Prospect" and "36." An odd sensation, to say the least.

After four years on the GW bar circuit of Froggy Bottom (not what it used to be), Mr. Henry's (deceased) or Odds (moved and different), hanging out at Georgetown (as in the school) bars is more than just a little bizarre;

and not just because a lot of Georgetown kids hang around in them. Although that's a big part, too.

The first such bar I went to was Georgetown Billiards, where on Tuesday nights (College Night) the tables are five bucks an hour. This would be compared to our own "Starvin'" Marvin Center pool hall, where playing pool is cheap as all hell, but where the hardest drink you can get is a "Suicide" (the proverbial little-league mix of Coke, Dr. Pepper, 7-Up, and

Orange Stuff™; or Buffalo Billiards out on Dupont Circle,



Erik Schelzig

where an hour at the table will put you out more than 10 bucks and a small glass of Guinness rifles your wallet for roughly the same.

The next place I hit was a base-

ment place called Tombs, a virtually all-GU hangout that has a lot of paddles (not frat paddles, but rowing paddles), and I could have sworn the mandatory dress code posted at the entrance included the words "J. Crew." I almost felt I had to pull the old St. Patrick's day trick (i.e., "my underpants are green/Ralph Lauren") just to fit in. Needless to say, it didn't work.

THE VERDICT: Both Georgetown and GW bars are pretty crappy. Next stop: Madam's Organ in Adams Morgan. But I'll talk about that some other time

The good news about the morale at Georgetown is that they seem just as disillusioned by their basketball team as we are about ours. So what if we (barely) won our Homecoming (yay) game against La Salle — it seems that what appeared at the beginning of the season to be one of the most promising teams in GW history is going to the NIT in a handbasket. Thursday's heart-breaking loss to Xavier (by one damn point) didn't help, and neither will anything short of a 10-game winning streak starting right now if anything is to come of this season.

Jarvis is always saying things along the lines of all that matters is what happens in March, but at this rate, we're not even going to get to see GW get denied a spot in the Big Dance on national television like we did in '95 (partly

because we'll probably be on the bubble for the NIT tournament and not get in).

But, all appearances to the contrary, I'm not giving up just yet. Alexander Koul looked vicious on offense against Xavier and La Salle, and if he can keep that up with any kind of consistency, I don't care if we win or lose. You see, I'm six feet tall, and when I gather all my might and jump as high as I can, you can just barely shove a matchbox under my boots. So I live for the slam dunk, and lately Koul's been delivering. Keep it up, Sasha!

Anyway, back to business. By the time you read this (if you have actually gotten this far), the Super Bowl will have come and gone, and hopefully it was good; and not just the commercials. The next big holiday celebration is Valentine's Day, which I just happen to think is about the most artificial and useless holiday there is. The latest example I have of Valentine's stupidity is those little hard heart candies that have little messages on them. They used to say things like "I love you," "I miss you," and "Call me." Munching on these hearty treats the other night I saw some that said things like "Fax me" and "e-mail me."

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SMPA, wellness center still on GW's agenda

BY WILLIAM DAVIS
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

GW planners hope to begin construction of two new buildings by June of 1998 even in the face of lingering community opposition.

Al Ingle, associate vice president of business affairs, said the tentative dates for the proposed health and wellness facility and the School of Media and Public Affairs building is contingent upon the decision of the District's Board of Zoning Adjustment and the community.

Plans for the health and wellness building, which would place the facility on the corner of 23rd and G streets, next to St. Mary's Episcopal Church, have remained in the review stage of the Board of Zoning Adjustment for approximately two years, Ingle said.

The building would sit 70 feet from St. Mary's and 20 feet from the neighboring Odd Fellows Lodge. The unused space would be turned into a plaza.

The health and wellness building will house classrooms in which fitness programs and prescriptive medical training can be held.

Advisory Neighborhood Commission member Dorothy Miller raised objections to the proposal. "Buildings having such high density and activity go inside the University campus, not on its periphery."

Miller pointed to the campus plan, which outlines what area of the city GW considers its campus. "23rd and G streets is clearly outside of the campus area," she said.

In spite of this, Ingle said he is optimistic about the tentative construction date.

GW planners also hope to begin the construction of a new facility to house the School of Media and Public Affairs, which will stand on the corner of 21st and H streets.

The tentative plans for the SMPA building call for a teaching facility, a large lecture hall and a possible first floor gallery, Ingle said.

Previous construction plans for the 21st and H streets location included facilities to house WETA, Washington's public television station. Neighborhood opposition, however, proved too staunch, and WETA pulled its proposal.

Miller said the reason for the opposition was the electromagnetic field-producing equipment that would be installed in the facility.

She also pointed to the lack of adequate parking space to accommodate these buildings. She said employees would compete with residents for limited parking.

Ingle said several buildings will be designated for renovation in early 1998. Among them are the Marvin Center, the building housing the psychology department on 2125 G Street and two town houses at 2110 and 2112 G Street.

Ingle said the Marvin Center's elevators, fire alarms and entrance ways will be modified, and the student area on the ground floor that now contains vending machines would be expanded.

The Gelman Yard will be renovated in time for this year's Commencement, Ingle said. Planners hope to place pre-cast columns and cast iron gates before the entrance ways on both 21st and 22nd streets.

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Book'em, Dano

The Student Association Book Exchange raised \$15,682 this year, a significant decline from last year's \$20,000.

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Another complication is the fact that GW's contract with Follett Co., which runs the bookstore, states the SA or any other GW-funded organization is not allowed to advertise that students can get books at lower prices at other sources, such as the Book Exchange. Isn't it terrific when the University signs contracts that eliminate the First Amendment rights of its student organizations?

Saving students \$15,000 isn't bad. But the drop-off demonstrates the price students pay when GW stands idle rather than helping out the Book Exchange, probably the most significant contribution that the SA makes to its constituency.

Perhaps the SA's organizers could have done a better job. But the GW Bookstore has been no help. This year it finally gave the SA its master list, which lists every book needed for every class. But it didn't have the books organized in terms of which professor and which class. Nice move guys. The bookstore's antagonistic behavior would appear to contradict its confident claims that the Book Exchange doesn't cut into its sales. (Actually, it would appear it cut into them by \$20,000 last year and \$15,000 this year.)

The whole situation would be helped if more professors followed the lead of professor Steven Livingston, who recommends his class purchase books available at other bookstores around town. While this system isn't perfect (Borders isn't always ready for 30 students wanting the same books), it does provide an alternative to the ravenously hungry Marvin Center monopoly laughing all the way to the bank.

The District Plan

Students at GW know the District of Columbia is in pretty tough shape. There are potholes in our roads, police and fire services are undermanned, taxes are enormous and it seems each new day the media shows that the local government just can't solve this urban crisis. Sometimes it seems the only city workers rising to their duties are the meter maids.

So recently President Clinton has stepped forward with a new plan to take care of these problems in his own backyard. It calls for the federal government to take over basic infrastructure duties, such as paving roads, collection of taxes and distribution of pension payments. In exchange, the lump sum payment the federal government usually gives to D.C. would be eliminated.

Some local leaders, including Mayor Marion Barry and Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton support the plan, stating it will increase home rule by removing Congressional approval of D.C.'s operations in these areas. Others say this just puts more control in the hands of the federal government, and the people have even less say in decisions.

In a desperate situation, this is a pretty good idea. It will take care of some of the most immediate problems, and in doing so loosens up the D.C. government to take care of the next round of crises. Highest on the new agenda? Getting the University of the District of Columbia back on its financial feet would be a good start.

The UDC has been forced to eliminate staff, professors, and recently its entire athletic department to make up for a budget shortfall. It needs help just to keep its doors open, and the District should help provide the means to do it.

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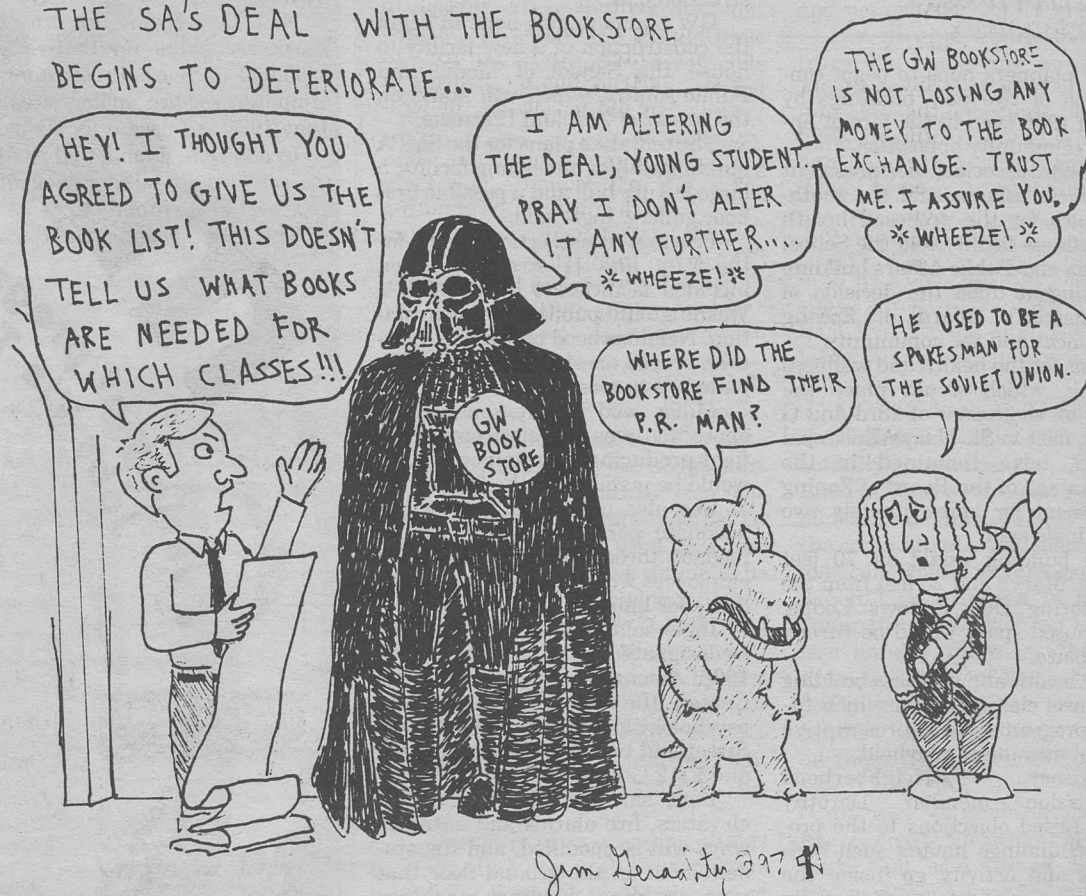
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OPINION

THE SA'S DEAL WITH THE BOOKSTORE
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GW Inaugural Ball a metaphor for the big way we operate here

On the night of the second inauguration of President Clinton, two questions resounded through the District. The first, of course, was what color the first lady's gown would be. The second, more central to the Foggy Bottom area, was whether GW's Inaugural Ball would be worthy of presidential consideration — or would be just a more classy version of Ski MC.

The first question was soon answered (her dress was gold), but the value of GW's Inaugural Ball is still a little unclear. No better place exists for a closer look at life at GW than a huge, glitzy affair.

It's not so hard to imagine the Rice Hall-based thinking behind throwing an Inaugural Ball. GW's name gets publicized, big floodlights can be pointed toward the Marvin Center and for one minute the President of the United States might actually consider attending the event. That is, until The White House discovers that the hippo ice sculptures way outnumber the number of Washington elite in attendance.

But with nothing to lose except a truckload of useless Inaugural Ball souvenir medallions, it's no wonder GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg decided to throw a party. After all, an

Inauguration is a cause for celebration.

Almost 3,000 people turned out for GW's second-ever presidential Inaugural Ball to join in the festivities and enjoy the excitement. The Marvin Center was home base for the event, which included dancing, food and plenty of ill-managed but somewhat friendly crowds.

Joanna Markell

Surprisingly enough, GW's first attempt at an Inaugural Ball in 1993 concentrated some 2,500 people on the first floor (only) of the Marvin Center. This year, the event included activities based on the first and third floors.

"This time we had two times the amount of space," said Jodie Reborchick, the chair of the Inaugural Ball committee.

Without question, the ball did bring together an interesting mix of people. More than the normal collection of GW students and staff, a significant number of community members, alumni and outside University supporters turned

out for the affair.

"It was a nice change of pace to introduce some non-GW people," Reborchick said. "It's somewhat new, but it's a great tradition we've started."

One detail the special events office won't yet provide is the cost of GW's second Inaugural Ball. University officials are notoriously sketchy when it comes to the facts and figures of events like this, and the ball was no exception. What point this serves completely eludes me. Everyone on campus would be better off knowing exactly what went into the organization and management of major events, and that includes the price. The mantra of direct communication should be relearned by every office on campus as soon as possible.

Of course, the point of an in-depth analysis of an event like this could be questioned. Enjoyment depends on the individual and, yes, it is possible to have a good time in J Street if you really try hard. If nothing else, GW's attempts at organized, socialized fun always provide a great source for humorous conversations about hippo ice sculptures and sardine-like crowds.

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Trial for 1994 murder suspect is postponed

BY KEVIN ECKSTROM
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The trial of the Silver Spring, Md., man accused of the 1994 murder of GW graduate student Nicole Paul has been postponed once again, this time until early March.

Victoriano Savinon, 22, was scheduled to stand trial Jan. 2 for the murder of the 24-year-old graduate student. Kevin Ohlson, a spokesman for the U.S. Attorney's Office, said he did not know why the trial had been postponed but said that it is now scheduled for March.

This latest development in the charges against Savinon comes after the defendant had fled from authorities in September only to be captured by federal marshals a few weeks later outside New York City.

Savinon and his cousin, Ivan Lopez, were charged with murder in the June 1994 murder. Lopez pleaded guilty to a charge of weapon possession at the scene and could face up to 15 years in prison. Lopez has agreed to testify against his cousin but will not be sentenced until after Savinon's trial.

Prosecutors had expected Savinon to plea bargain for a

smaller sentence. He agreed to plead guilty to two counts of armed manslaughter and failure to appear for trial, but at a hearing in October he did not accept the lesser charges.

Savinon could face more than 50 years in prison. He now faces charges of fleeing trial, attempting to contact and sway a witness and murder in the first degree.

Paul, a 1992 graduate with a degree in international business, had been a student in the graduate public policy program at the time of her murder.

According to police records, Paul was found by her roommate beaten to death in her Northwest D.C. apartment. Ohlson said in 1994 that he suspected Paul and Savinon had a prior relationship but could not comment as to the nature of such a relationship.

Police said Paul had come home with a man, but investigators suspect that Savinon and Lopez had tried to rob her apartment but found Paul at home. After she refused to have sex with them, police say Savinon brutally murdered her.

The case is expected to be heard by Judge Robert Richter of the D.C. Superior Court.

Yale student arrested for computer fraud

(CPS) — A Yale University student pleaded guilty Jan. 8 to committing computer fraud by creating a software program that let him access America Online for free.

Nicholas Ryan, known on-line as "Happy Hardcore," faces up to five years in prison and \$250,000 in fines. Prosecutors said Ryan, a junior computer science major, created "AOL4FREE" in June 1995 and used it for six months.

In addition, Ryan let other AOL users know about the software by talking about it in AOL chat rooms. That's what eventually tipped AOL off, officials said.

The company estimates that in a single day, near-

ly 2,000 people used the program to log onto the system, bypassing AOL's hourly rate.

"I just thought he was some computer geek, but I never thought it would lead to something like this," Michael Kestenbaum, Ryan's former suite mate, told the Yale Daily News.

AOL officials heralded the case as the first successful prosecution of computer fraud involving an on-line network.

The case "serves a warning to any would-be hackers that AOL has a zero tolerance for this kind of behavior," said Tatiana Gau, an AOL vice-president, in a news release.

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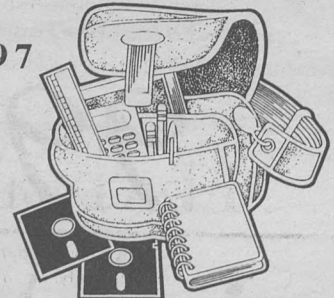
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Monday, April 7, 1997

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Alkalaj calls Balkan strife 'a war of fascist aggression'

BY SUSAN SCHULTZ
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

Saying there is "no peace without justice and no justice without peace," Bosnian Ambassador Szen Alkalaj said the conflict in the war-

torn Balkans goes beyond cultural or religious differences.

"Bosnia is not a question of politics and economics, but right and wrong," Alkalaj said.

Alkalaj spoke Jan. 23 in the Marvin Center ballroom and began

his lecture by offering a brief history of the civil war between the Bosnians and the Serbs.

Alkalaj spoke of the destructive genocide, or ethnic cleansing, that the Bosnian people have endured.

"Over 250,000 Bosnians have

been killed and out of those, 70,000 were children ... this was not a civil war, but a war of fascist aggression."

According to the ambassador, the summer of 1995 gave Bosnians "hopeful highs" when the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) finally resolved to act, forcing Serbs to enter negotiations.

Peace talks led to a united state of Bosnia with two separate entities. The talks hoped to create a political system of a three-member presidency, a parliament and assembly, as well as a supreme court. By creating this system Bosnians expected to see encouraging reforms.

The peace talks also made promises that all refugees would be allowed to return home, war criminals would be tried and free elections would be held.

The ambassador said these promises have failed. "2.2 million refugees have been unable to return home, faced by resistance from local authorities as well as the destruction of their homes by Serbs.

"War criminals have remained at large, the tribunal, under-funded and undermanned, has indicted 75 people and has only seven suspects in custody," Alkalaj said.

He added that "the tribunal

threatens to quit unless the suspects are brought into custody."

The ambassador also said that during the past year some positive changes have occurred. "Unemployment has fallen from 90 percent to 50 or 60 percent.

"Organizations such as the World Bank and the United Nations have donated money to offset the \$50 billion worth of damage sustained, and industrial production has risen slightly.

"Our people (the Bosnians) deserve and will work toward true peace," Alkalaj said.

Students had different opinions about the peace talks.

Kuyomars "Q" Golparvar, the political affairs chair of the Program Board, said, "Bosnia has hit a turning point in its developments. I hope that this peace is not only temporary but will become permanent."

Freshman Diana Goff said, "I find it especially disheartening to hear that the U.S. would not intervene and that (we) could have stepped in to help earlier."

Freshman Maha El-Sheikh added, "I have done several reports on Bosnia and have always read that this war has been going on for several generations, but I did not know about the peace."

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Career Week preps grads for job market

BY JAY JAGANNATHAN
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

The Career Center is hosting its 15th annual Career Week for students worried about finding a job after graduation.

"(Career Week) is an opportunity for students to involve themselves in the job search process, and is a time for career assessment," said Career Center Public Relation Coordinator Jonathan Klonsky, organizer for this year's Career Week.

Career Week will take place Feb. 3 to Feb. 7.

Students can talk to employers, learn about jobs and get advice on how to make themselves more attractive to prospective employers when they are looking for a job. IBM, Bell Atlantic, the Peace Corps and Price Waterhouse will be a few of the major companies represented this year during Career Week.

Klonsky said Career Week is not a time for students to get a job but to get constructive input into their career plans by professionals in similar fields.

"The program is not a job fair," Klonsky said. "It's not a chance for students to throw their résumé onto someone, (but) an opportunity for them to learn skills, meet people and investigate various careers."

The Career Center will hold several programs, including "Jobs via the Internet," which teaches students how to use the Internet for career information; "The Do's

and Don'ts of Starting Your Own Business," and "The Science of Networking," which explains how people can get a job by networking.

At "Résumania" students can have their résumés critiqued by representatives of major employers.

More than 21 employers will participate in "Résumania," including COMSAT, Anderson Consulting, the World Bank and the U.S. State Department.

"Résumania" will be held Feb. 5 at 3 p.m. in the Colonial Commons in the Marvin Center. Students must get tickets for the program the same day at 2:30 p.m. to attend.

Other Career Week events include a "Q and A Room" in Marvin Center room 403, where students can interact with Career Week participants.

A "Cookies and Consulting Program" will be held Feb. 7. Students can meet with career consultants and discuss their career options.

During the consulting program, students can open a co-op file, a credentials file or "Résumix Referral" file for half price at the Career Center in Academic Center room 509.

An average of 1,800 to 2,400 students attend Career Week events each year, according to Klonsky.

"We're trying to have a bigger program than in prior years," Klonsky. "I think it will be beneficial to anyone who attends."

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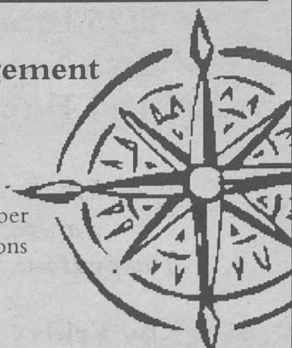
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'Grease!' slick with has-been TV stars

BY JUSTIN BERGMAN
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

"Grease!" has seen the likes of Brooke Shields and Rosie O'Donnell. But never before has a rendition of "Grease!" – the touring Broadway production in Washington for two weeks – resurrected three of the most random television actors from the past in such a monumentally successful way.

Sally Struthers ("All in the Family"), Jasmine Guy ("A Different World") and Adrian Zmed ("T.J. Hooker") all bring a bit of familiarity to the stage, as well as a great deal of electricity, musical talent and originality to one of Broadway's longest-running musicals.

For those who have never had the money or time to see the show in New York, this is a rare opportunity to see "Grease!" the way it was meant to be seen – on the stage. Fans of the movie will be surprised to see how different the stage production is from the cult film classic, mostly in the order of the songs and the set design.

This touring production of "Grease!" is simply a knock-out. Vince Fontaine, the radio host played by Brian Bradley, warms up the crowd before the show begins with a mock 1950s dance contest involving members of the audience. Then Miss Lynch (Struthers) appears, her hair knotted in a huge blond bun and her face adorned with horn-rimmed glasses, to greet and playfully scold the audience.

Although the entire cast is superb, several members stand out and make the musical all the more hilarious. Struthers steals the show as she chases Sonny around the stage for smoking cigarettes and later, when she gets drunk at the school dance. She stumbles around the stage in a drunken state, yelling at the students with a slurred and throaty voice.

Guy and Zmed are definitely the stars of the show, though. Guy plays the hard-nosed Rizzo, which is quite a departure from the genteel, Southern belle she played on "A Different World." She handles the accent and attitude perfectly, but is especially moving when she sings "There Are Worse Things I Could Do" after telling everyone she might be pregnant.

Although Zmed looks old enough to be Danny Zuko's father in the show, his strong voice and immature brashness make him believable and likable as the leading man. The height of his hair – at least six inches – also gives Zmed's character personality.

Both Kelli Bond Severson (Sandy) and Kevin Anthony (Teen Angel) also deliver ovation-worthy performances on the strength of their incredible vocal ranges.

The "Grease!" set is almost as impressive as the talent, and it adds to the garish, kitschiness of the 1950s nostalgia at Rydell High. The entire set is constructed in fluorescent colors, including an all-pink bathroom for Marty, glow-in-the-dark lockers and hula hoops and the most heinously outrageous costumes for the school dance.

"Grease!" continues at The Warner Theatre, 13th and E streets, N.W., through Feb. 2. Tickets can be purchased by calling the theater box office at (202) 783-4000.

Social Distortion's adult angst fuels fire on album

BY JOSEF NOVOTNY
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

Mike Ness is a bitter man, and it sure doesn't help that he is aging. The Social Distortion frontman would rather curse the darkness than light a candle on the band's most recent release, *White Light, White Heat, White Trash* (Epic).

The result of Ness' labor is certainly not trash as the title suggests, but rather a red-hot coal that will fuel fiery emotions.

The opening track, "Dear Lover," is written from the perspective of someone abandoned by their lover, and the lyrics lash out like a whip. "... I can't believe it's come to this, dear lover/Give me one last painful kiss," Ness sings bitterly. Ness then proceeds to pour salt in his wounds, such as on the smashing tune "Don't Drag Me Down."

Perhaps the best song of all is the unlisted bonus track, a cover of the Rolling Stones' "Under My Thumb," in which the band races to a speedy finish as if the members were running the most important race of their lives.

Social Distortion's new drummer, Chuck Biscuits, pounds at his drum kit as if his life depended on it. Biscuits, who has played with hard core veterans

Black Flag, begins most of the songs by smashing his cymbals as a sort of one, two, three, four countdown. It helps to give the album a raw, unpolished sound, as if the songs were rough cuts from the studio.

At first, most of the songs on *White Light, White Heat, White Trash* sound similar, but the addicting choruses on songs such as "I Was Wrong" begin to emerge after only the second listen. Ness writes most of his songs on an acoustic guitar first, and perhaps that is where the band's focus on melody comes in. By performing the music with his band, Ness is able to communicate his fears, hates and desires. Most of the songs are not uplifting by any means, but Ness is a survivor, and his will to live never diminishes.

What is most appealing about *White Light, White Heat, White Trash* is how the band hasn't created the typical teenage angst record. Ness is a mature being with the perspective that only a pissed-off adult can have. Some might argue that Ness needs to lighten up, but there is no doubt his perspective is heartfelt.

Getting older isn't all bad, and Ness celebrates the joys of life as much as the pain and suffering. If he hadn't celebrated anything positive, then *White Light, White Heat, White Trash* would not be the enjoyable album it is. The music should be equally as enjoyable when Social Distortion plays Capitol Ballroom on Feb. 12.

I'm Not Rappaport shows old-timers in Hollywood still got it

BY TONY HILTON
HATCHET REPORTER

The well-casted, well-acted movie *I'm Not Rappaport* (Gramercy Pictures) takes place in New York City's Central Park, where two old men, Nat (Walter Matthau from *Grumpy Old Men*), and Midge (Ossie Davis from *The Client*), sitting on a park bench become a new definition for "the odd couple."

Midge is the maintenance man of a Central Park West apartment building where he takes care of an old-style water heater. Nat is a retired professional and a compulsive liar. Not a single word that comes from his mouth can be believed, but it's delivered so well, you'd never be able to tell.

Trying to relive the days of his adolescence when he witnessed the great immigrant strike of 1909, Nat takes on all causes as they come up, whether his help is wanted or not. Whether it's attacking the supermarket for its high prices, and changing them with a red pen, or saving a man's job, the old communist transforms himself through his words into whoever he needs to be to make his attack.

His jargon is so convincing that he actually achieves his goals. Still, Midge can see him as nothing else but a crazy old fool and tries to get away from him.

Going from one situation to another, Nat strings Midge along spouting a road of lies as they progress. The fantastic thing about it is that they seem to solve every bit of trouble they come across. It's amazing to witness



Matthau as Nat (l.) and Davis as Midge (r.) show there's more to their golden years than sitting all day on a park bench.

Nat's elaborate weaving of tales. Each circumstance seems to inspire a tale more elaborate and interesting than the last. It almost makes one believe they are true.

Midge, duped only a few times, sees the lies for what they are but can't believe their complexity. Nor can he believe the lengths and depths to which Nat will go to convince others of their validity, even to the extent of duping his own daughter. In the end, everything Nat has done comes unraveled. He is left with nothing but the truth, but when the truth is revealed, it is so unfantastic that Midge refuses to believe it and demands a new lie. The friendship begins again.

I'm Not Rappaport is sweet and adorable. It shows the different positions of old age. One can settle into the role of the elderly

and allow oneself to fade away or refuse to be forgotten, raging against the dying of the light.

The characters are lovable and their dynamics enjoyable to behold. One can't help but care for them and feel for their plight, cheering them on. Even the lesser characters have an appeal that catches the eye. The story is complete, with no loose ends or unanswered questions. One doesn't need to know more about the characters other than what is presented.

If this movie proves anything, it is that the actors lumped together as the "unnecessary senior citizens" of Hollywood are still great. There is a large amount of talent in men such as Matthau and Davis to be tapped into for future movies. *I'm Not Rappaport* comes highly recommended and is well worth seeing.

WRGW's Top 20 CDs

No.	Artist	Title (label)
1.	Guilt	Further (Victory)
2.	Handsome	Needless [single] (Epic)
3.	Luscious Jackson	Fever In Fever Out (Grand Royal)
4.	Humidifier	Nothing Changes (Link)
5.	The Cardigans	First Band On The Moon (Mercury)
6.	The Higi-Fives	And A Whole Lotta You! (Lookout)
7.	Tricky	Pre-Millennium Tension (Island)
8.	Boys Life	Departures and Landfalls (Headhunter)
9.	Prodigy	Firestarter (Mute)
10.	Mazzy Star	Among My Swan (Capitol)
11.	John Parish and PJ Harvey	Dance Hall at Louse Point (Island)
12.	Descendents	Everything Sucks (Epitaph)
13.	Tool	Ænima (Zoo)
14.	Various Artists	Respectfully Yours ... G. Washington
15.	BT	Ima (Kinetic)
16.	Roots	Illadelp Life (DGC)
17.	Weezer	Pinkerton (DGC)
18.	Enigma	Le Roi est La Mort (Virgin)
19.	Spring Hell Jack	Million Shades (Island)
20.	The Crumbs	S/T (Lookout)

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SPOTLIGHT

Junior's dream of med school is granted early

When her family went on welfare after moving to America, GW junior Ximena Matamala never forgot her dream; now she's received early admission to medical school

BY NEHME E. ABOUZEID
HATCHET REPORTER

Hundreds of students check their records each day at GWizards, the blue and yellow ATM-like booths that are strewn about campus. Junior Ximena Matamala tries her best to avoid even the sight of these state-of-the-art machines.

Aside from her exceptional grade-point average, they would only provide her with the figures of her already glaring tuition bill. It is the beginning of the spring semester and Ximena still owes \$1,000 for the spring, not to mention \$500 for last semester.

At the age of 20, this Chilean-born psychology major often worries about more than just hitting the books. Her single mother has three children at home, so her contribution to Ximena's education is minuscule in comparison to GW's hefty price tag. Even after a myriad of scholarships, loans and grants, Ximena is forced to take out credit card advances to pay outstanding balances.

This scenario has had little effect on her determination and drive to succeed, though. Last summer, Ximena received notifica-

tion of her early admission to the GW medical school, an honor bestowed upon a mere 15 students each year.

"This is what I worked so hard for all my life," she says.

Coming to America

When Ximena was 12, her mother, Diana Vergava, brought her to the United States because she planned to marry a college sweetheart who previously had moved from Chile. However, her plans soon soured and within two years, Vergava found herself divorced, pregnant and on welfare.

As if being penniless and in unfamiliar surroundings weren't enough, Vergava and her children were deemed illegal aliens shortly after their temporary visas expired. Incensed at the idea of marrying for residency, she got a lawyer and fought for the right to stay in the country. That same resolve is inherent in Ximena as she competes daily for her academic livelihood among more privileged pre-med peers.

Ximena's life quieted somewhat when her family got legal alien papers in 1991. Her mother got a job as a phone operator and got off

welfare. Times were still tough, but Ximena says she was thankful to leave behind the days when her mother was trying to raise four children and work as a baby-sitter in other people's homes.

"Those were the worst of times," she says. "My mother's strength certainly helped me to get through it all."

At that point, 14-year-old Ximena had more responsibilities than some women twice her age. A typical day consisted of returning directly home from school to tend to her younger sisters, Claudia, Alejandra and the new addition, Jessica. She would cook and clean the house until her mother got home, when they would all share in the only thing that provided a shred of stability in their frenzied lives — a family meal.

Focusing on education

By starting her English as a second language classes in junior high school, Ximena was able to enter mainstream classroom learning her freshman year in high school. She admits high school was a blur — she pursued academic goals while her home life still demanded all of her leisure time. During her sophomore year, she got a job at Kids-R-Us, a local children's clothing store. She worked tirelessly, peddling Osh-Kosh-B'Gosh dungarees to the masses of parents who came through her department. Every payday, she would sign her check directly over to her mother.

"Anything I could do to help out, I did," Ximena says with a hesitant smile, as if to admit that even her efforts weren't enough sometimes.

Nonetheless, her family made it through, and by senior year Ximena had emerged as a scholar in the top 5 percent of her graduating class. Ximena received 20 college credits from her advanced placement courses in Spanish, English and biology. She chose GW over many other universities, including New York University, to keep her close to home.

Back in Chile, Ximena had always wanted to be a doctor because of the influence of her pediatrician. After her rough start in America, she was merely trying to rise above life's insurmountable obstacles. Suddenly, her dream of becoming a doctor did not seem so impossible.

In 1994, a bright-eyed Ximena moved into Thurston Hall. Living on her own was another dream come true in many ways. For the first time in her life, she would return home after a day of classes

to three roommates — alike in ages and interests — and not to her three sisters in need of care.

The absence of daily family responsibilities gave Ximena renewed enthusiasm and, for once, a social life. Although just 20 minutes away from home, Ximena found the crowded residence hall an oasis in her otherwise demanding life.

Delivering babies and dissecting rats

Since freshman year, Ximena has built an impressive résumé, participating in a wide array of activities that helped her gain admittance to GW's medical school. Last year, she worked at the Washington Free Clinic as a doula, a labor support person who helps in the delivery process. Often, because of the marital situation of an expecting mother, she has had to stand in place of a husband or boyfriend to lend psychological and physical support in the delivery room.

"Ximena's best asset is her great attitude toward learning," says Colleen Krauss, a GW medical school student. "She has a natural interest in helping people, which makes the people around her more comfortable. This makes her well-qualified to work in a clinical setting."

Working closely with midwives at the clinic gave Ximena a firsthand look at an integral part of the medical profession.

"It opened my eyes to so much," she says. "I will carry a lot (of what I learned) over into my medicine career."

This year, she has received a

stipend from a private donor to continue her work at the clinic. She has also volunteered at the GW Medical Center and has worked in the University's psychology department.

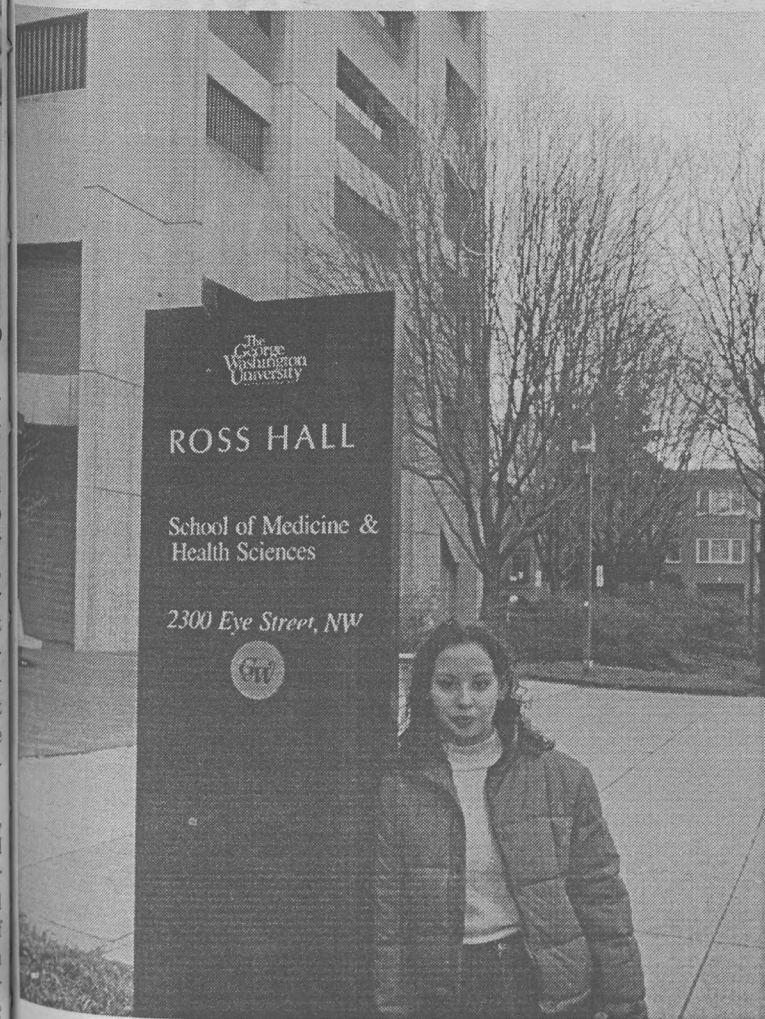
Ximena's drive toward medical school preparation continued last summer when she gained a fellowship to conduct biomedical research in the Netherlands. The program, called the Fogarty Minority International Research Training, was run in conjunction with the National Institutes of Health.

Besides gaining an amazing amount of research experience conducting neuroanatomy studies on rats — an endeavor most doctors would drool over — Ximena most fondly remembers the people she met and the places she visited.

"I saw everything from the Tower of London to the gondolas of Venice," Ximena says. Before then, Ximena says she had not been on a plane since she first left Chile. Quite fittingly, she ends all her stories regarding her summer with the phrase, "I learned so much!"

Ximena's luminous eyes seem to return to normal as she thinks of her financial troubles once again. No matter how far she travels, her economic problems seem inescapable. As close as she seems to her dream, years of paying medical school tuition still lie ahead.

Leaving Munson Hall, she passes another GWizard, and thoughts of kicking it pop into her head. As she walks away from it hastily on her way to another class, her mind shifts from something she hates to what she loves most — another learning experience.



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Junior Ximena Matamala was granted early admission to GW's medical school last summer.

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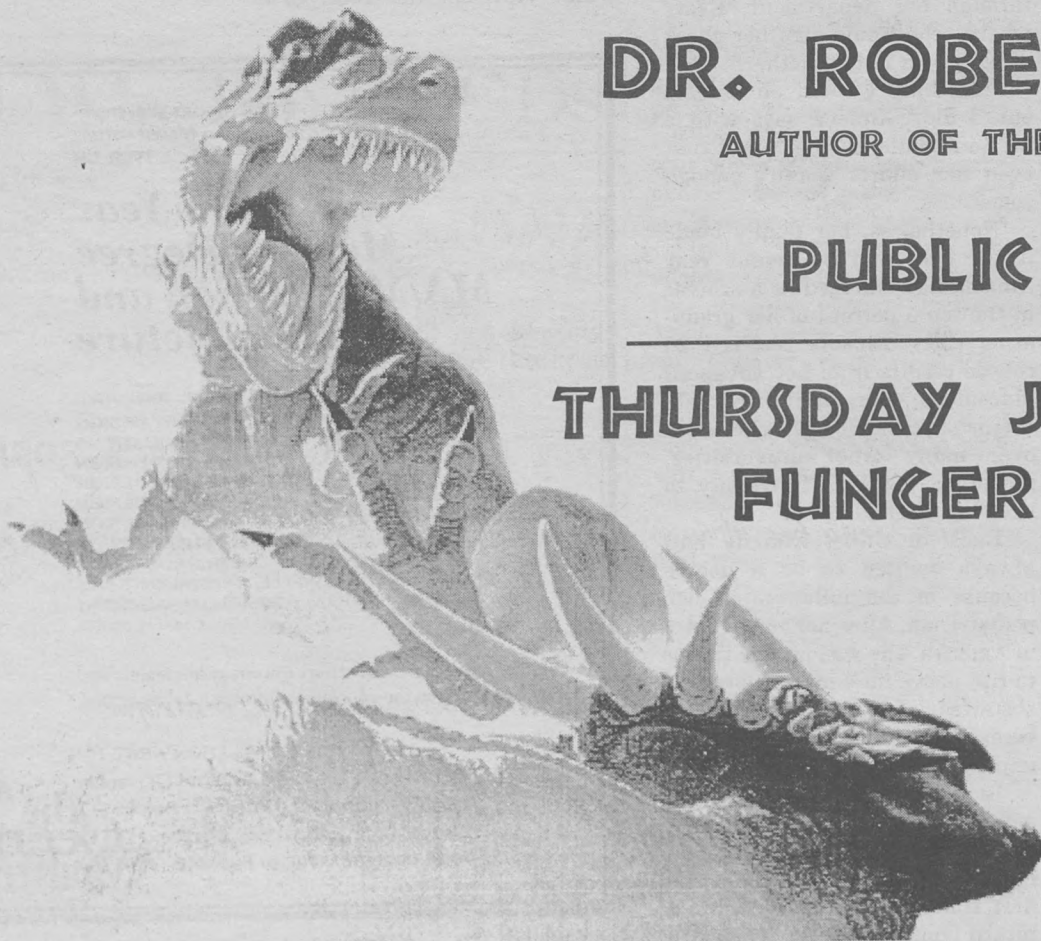
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Several students who participated in this year's book exchange agreed with Pillie.

"The book exchange is a very good idea," said junior Amy Kroll, who sold one book in the exchange. "They should just have it more often."

"It's a pretty good thing to have going," senior Marco Ayala said. "It definitely beats the (GW) Bookstore."

Sophomore Justin Gannon agreed, but said, "It could have been organized a little better. The organization is really the only problem."

Pillie agreed that the book

exchange should be more organized.

"One of the conclusions we have come to is that it almost has to be computerized in order to be effective," Pillie said. "The question is how to best go about that."

In addition, Cleary and Pillie said the SA is considering holding the book exchange more than once a year.

"We are currently investigating the idea of having a book exchange at the beginning of the fall semester," Cleary said.

"The problem (with a fall book exchange) is with logistics," Pillie said. "We have to figure out the best way to make this service available."

CORRECTION

The story "Students raise protest after registration error" on the front page of the Jan. 23 issue of The GW Hatchet should have identified the professor as Terry Michael. The same story should have identified professor Steven Livingston as the coordinator of the political communication program.

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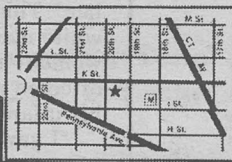
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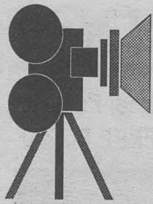
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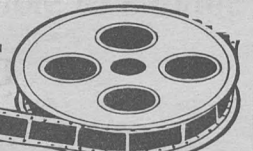
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BPU mourns victims of hatred, addiction

Black men pay tribute to those who died

BY MONIQUE L. HARDING
ASST. NEWS EDITOR

An audience of diverse ethnicity and ages gathered during the first week of the Black Peoples' Union Black History Celebration in the Dorothy Betts Marvin Theatre to watch Living the Dream, Inc. perform a play entitled "Our Young Black Men are Dying and Nobody Seems to Care."

Three men, R. Lawrence Jenkins, Jeff Ro Johnson and Noel Rogers, wore black T-shirts, black jeans and black boots and explored the various roads black men encounter.

Performances were about women, homelessness, drug addiction, violence, war veterans and AIDS.

Three black notebooks were placed on the foot of the stage. These books had the names of black people who died in the cities where they performed. At the conclusion of the performance the audience was asked to add the names of any black people who died in their communities.

The three characters recited the theme of the play several times during the course of the presentation, saying, "I don't care what this world does to me, I will not let it destroy me. No matter what this world takes away from me, it will

not take away the essence of me.

"I am more than flesh and bone. I am more than what you see."

The men sang, danced, stepped and performed in skits about racism.

A skit entitled "Danny O." was a true story about a biracial boy who killed himself on Christmas Eve because he felt he had no family.

Another true story was about a homeless man who bragged about his "pink, high-waisted, superfly pants with the zipper broke."

Another skit was about a crack addict and a drug dealer.

The addict said, "I was addicted. No, I was a dickhead." Crack made him feel like he "was standing on air ... taller than insecurity."

The dealer was holding up a store with a gun and his sidekick was the addict.

The dealer said, "I am the one you disregard ... It was my fetus that received no prenatal care ... born into hopeless ... fell asleep in class ... stole other kids' lunches ... they put me in special ed ..."

"I was denied the American dream. Do you think I was born robbing and killing. You told me to get a job. I have skills, talent, finesse. I can do more than work at Burger King. I became an entrepreneur, making \$1 million a year."

Before he could finish, the drug dealer caught a glimpse of his sidekick smoking crack he hadn't paid for and fatally shot him.

Another skit was about a man whose father was a good man until he tried to kill his mother and left.

He told his wife he loved her but he hit her. He said, "I am not a man. I am not alive. I do love you as much as a dead man can."

Another skit focused on women which told men, "you will call her with respect or you will not call her." This was in reference to the white master who would call black women "tramp, bitch and whore" after he raped her and she nursed his infants during slavery.

"I saw Jesus Today" was about "Jesus, (who) was a black man. He was not trusted ... (or) respected until after he was dead."

"The Buffalo Soldier," "Nat Turner" and "Tupac Shakur" were dedicated to black men who died.

In "The Buffalo Soldier," one of the men said, "a white man gave me that name, because of my size and strength ... my (veteran) memorial is the agent orange in my brain, in my bottle of gin, in the shelter I sleep."

In the skit dedicated to Shakur, the men counted to 25, the age rapper Shakur died, and raised their fists in the air.

Johnson, Rogers and Jenkins also called for a moment of silence for the death of Ennis Cosby, Bill Cosby's son, who was shot to death while changing his tire on a highway outside Los Angeles.

At the conclusion, the actors took questions from the audience and read the names, ages and causes of death of the people in the black notebooks. Some were shot, some died of AIDS and some were as young as 15, but none were older than 33 years.

The play was directed by James Chapman, who was homeless for two years.

Book swap on the web saves students money

(CPS) — John Norton, a Brigham Young University junior, was fed up with standing in long lines at the college bookstore, only to receive a paltry sum for his used books.

Then, his sister told him about Utah State University's "bookswap," where students themselves can exchange books, negotiate bargains and pocket the change.

That's when Norton said it hit him: Why not set up a similar student book exchange on the Internet?

So in January, Norton and childhood friend Hugh Smith, a 1996 BYU graduate, launched a web site (<http://www.bookswap.com>) where students can get together in cyberspace, compare titles and electronically wheel and deal.

Already 250 students, mostly from BYU, have registered on the site, which is available to all Utah colleges.

The site works like this: The seller enters the title of the book and its asking price into a database. The buyer can search the database for a specific title, compare prices if there's more than one seller and e-mail an offer to the seller.

Then, it's up to the students to bargain over the price, Norton said. "I'm pretty much the broker," he said. "I just bring the buyer and seller together."

The site, which is free to users, also offers a feature in which the buyer receives an automatic e-mail message when a requested title becomes available.

Norton said the students who use the site usually come out farther ahead than they would at a traditional bookstore. And they don't have to stand in long lines.

At BYU, the bookstore buys textbooks back at 60 percent of the retail price and resells them at 80 percent.

Considering the average student spends about \$600 each school year on books, any savings is a bonus.

Norton said the BYU bookstore hasn't voiced any worries about him running it out of business.

"They have such a big market share," he said. "It would take a lot for me to put a dent in them."

Besides, the bookstore's main business is selling new textbooks, for which students must pay top dollar. "I'm just another (choice) students have to sell their books," he said.

The next step for Norton, an information systems major, and Smith, who owns his own screen printing business, is to attract advertisers to their site.

Then they plan to make the service available to colleges everywhere.

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McKenna, SA may fight JEC run-off rules

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old charter. This year's charter was amended by the executives of the three organizations — the SA, PB and MCGB — that sponsor the JEC.

"It bothers me that they are not taking this seriously when this is a turning point for the JEC," Gayoski said. "I'd hate to see the spirit of the JEC that Damian, (PB Chair) Rodney (Salinas) and (MCGB Chair) Kate (Arnold) worked so hard on have a bad

taste in people's mouth because of interpretation."

The rules released Friday also include provisions for campaigning in the residence halls. Candidates will be allowed to go door-to-door from 6:30 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. from Feb. 11-17.

In addition, the JEC amended a preliminary rule and will now allow student groups to place endorsement advertisements of up to one-half page in campus publications without the cost being counted under a candidates' spending limit.

1997 Green University Environmental Research Competition

Attention Students - Call for Abstracts

The GW Institute for the Environment is announcing a call to students for abstracts for the 1997 Green University Environmental Research Competition. Abstracts may either be for the poster session or the essay competition. Deadline for submission is Monday, February 24, 1997. Notification of acceptance will be made by Monday, March 3, 1997. Guidelines for posters and essays will be distributed with acceptance letters.

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Five to vie for SA presidency

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ulation that mud-slinging will characterize this campaign.

"I've heard some people say this campaign season is going to be nastier than in previous years," Moody said. "I hope that as adults and as GW students that the candidates don't blatantly make concerted efforts to break the rules."

Yet because the candidates have more knowledge of each other's participation and work within the SA, Moody said the relationship "will add an interesting spin ... especially on the dynamics of the campaign."

Golparvar, who is the SA vice president of community affairs and chair of Program Board's political affairs committee, agreed.

"We're all going to stand for sim-

ilar things, it's just a matter of who can do it," Golparvar said. "(I) hope people pay more attention to who has done what they've promised and ... use that information to base who they vote for."

Siple, undergraduate senator of the Columbian School and chair of the Senate's Student Life Committee, said he hopes this year's campaign will be a clean one that

will open dialogue on how the SA can better serve the student body.

Jeff Butler, a sophomore with no SA experience, said his perceived status as an outsider is "irrelevant." He described the job of SA president as "a position that demands a person who can handle the responsibility" and said he has done that throughout his life.

Butler started the GW Hockey Club and is its president. Last year he was elected to the Thurston Hall Council.

"I already feel that I have had an impact on this campus and I can make a bigger impact," Butler said. "Not enough people give the SA the credit they deserve. I think the SA does a lot, but I think (it) can go a step further," Butler said.

One of Butler's primary concerns is supporting student groups, especially small ones such as the Hockey Club. He said he wants to reform the SA's system of money allocation.

Lewis, the SA vice president for financial affairs, also wants to reform money allocation. He said he wants to find out why the University designates only 4 percent of the money the University makes from student activities fees to go to student groups, adding that he wants to increase the percentage.

David Eldred, Lewis' campaign manager, said Lewis also wants to increase the number of class and discussion sections and push for GWIS3.

Lewis' printed campaign platform explains his plans to "lobby CIRC to bring GW up to the standards of other universities by creating a new system that includes a graphical interface for viewing the World Wide Web."

Miller could not be reached for comment.

Candidates for other elected positions also declared their official status. Running for PB chair are Than Tan Yves Nguyen and Soraya Tabibi. The only candidate to file for PB vice chair was Heather Matthews.

Derek Pillie, Jesse Strauss, Jason Haber, Catherine Sadler and Ed Meinert will campaign for the four available Senate seats for

undergraduates representing the Columbian School of Arts and Sciences. Graduate Sen. Mary Emily Cummins and James McArdle filed for the two available Columbian School graduate seats.

Running for the one available undergraduate seat from the School of Business and Public Management will be James Manfredei. In the race for the three available graduate SBPM seats are Amy Pardo, Andrew Pecunin and Anne Parrish.

Law student Jerry Stevenson was the only person to file candidacy for the GW Law School's two available seats. No one filed for the sole graduate Senate seat from the Graduate School of Education and Human Development.

John Eseman, Robert Siegel and Mark Levin will compete for the two available undergraduate Senate seats to represent the Elliott School of International Affairs. Graduate student Garth Henning filed candidacy for the lone ESIA graduate Senate seat.

In the two available seats from the School of Medicine and Health Sciences, which are open to both undergraduates and graduate students, are Alan Bobb, Tara Balsley, Bob Nelson and Reza Ghafoorian.

Sergio Yanes filed for the only School of Engineering and Applied Science undergraduate Senate seat, while SEAS graduate Sen. J.P. Blackford is running again for one of the two available graduate seats.

In the usually crowded race for at large undergraduate senator, only three students have declared their candidacy. The three are Carrie Potter, Patrick McManus and Patrick Preston. There were no candidates for the two at large graduate Senate seats.

For the four Marvin Center Governing Board at large representative seats, five students have declared they are running: Jeff Baxter, MCGB member Jonathan Pompan, Amina Chaudary, Patrick Lincoln and Michael Petron. No one filed candidacy for the graduate student representative seat on the MCGB.

—Staff writer Matt Berger contributed to this report.

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JUMP, Organizational Meeting. Hillel, 8:00 PM. Info? Contact Matt at 530-5738.

MOCK TRIAL TEAM, General Meeting. Bell 108, 7:00 PM. Info? Contact Cat at 994-0624.

SNAP, General Membership Meeting. Visitors Center, 7:00 PM. Info? Contact Andrea or Rob at 994-0432.

PSYCHOLOGY CLUB, General Meeting. Marvin Center 401, 8:00 PM. Info? Contact Stephanie at 994-9448.

ZACHOR, Organizational Meeting. Hillel, 7:00 PM. Info? Contact Carolyn at 676-2477.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29

GW WOMEN'S BASKETBALL, GW vs Rhode Island. Smith Center, 7:00 PM. Free with valid student ID.

MOCK TRIAL TEAM, General Meeting. Bell 301A, 7:00 PM. Info? Contact Cat at 994-0624.

PROJECT EXPLORATION, Information Session. Marvin Center 405, 6:30 PM. Info? Contact Amy at 994-6555.

SNAP, Phone Calling Session. Visitors Center, 7:00 PM-Midnight. Info? Contact Andrea or Rob at 994-0432.

WRGW, General Meeting. Marvin Center 4th Floor Lobby, 9:00 PM. Info? Contact Terry at 337-7634.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30

CPAF, DIMOCK, AGT, Coffee house with current gallery exhibit. Dimock Gallery, 7:00-10:00 PM. Free! Info? Contact Penni at 994-1525.

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Terps stand tall; UMass on the rise again

The surprise college basketball team of the year is without a doubt the No. 7 Maryland Terrapins. The Terps are no longer the "twerps" of the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Many basketball pundits predicted a basement dwelling for Maryland in the formidable ACC. However, a tremendous 16-win start has earned Maryland the co-team of the week award.

Maryland is winning despite the loss of top players in recent years. All-American Joe Smith left early, and quality seniors Johnny Rhodes and Duane Simpkins graduated. Gary Williams (a.k.a. coach of the year) has a smaller, younger team on the floor this season. The biggest surprise within the surprise has been the tremendous inside play of sophomore center Obinna Ekezie. Junior Guard Sarunas Jasikevicius has become the team's emotional leader, and he has displayed the ability to hit the tough shot in the tough spot.

Sophomore Terrell Stokes has done a terrific job proving he can handle the pressure of an ACC point guard. And are there any doubts left about sophomore Laron Profit? All he did was hit the biggest shot of the year to knock off previously unbeaten Wake Forest.

Barring an injury to potential all-American Keith Booth, Maryland will hold together. No team wants to face Maryland in the ACC or NCAA tournaments.

The past two weeks were wild in the ACC as road teams ruled. First, Clemson traveled to College Park, where it knocked off the Terps in a close game. Maryland then beat Wake Forest. The Demon Deacons completed the triangle by beating Clemson on its home court.

Super Bowl weekend did not just feature football, as 24 of the top 25 college hoops teams took the floor. One team that is not in the top 25, but is making a dramatic run nonetheless, is the other co-team of the week - Massachusetts.

In the last two weeks, UMass has knocked off Boston College, Rhode Island and Temple. GW will have its hands full as UMass' new three-guard offense visits the Smith Center Thursday.

Amidst the many local rivalries this week, the game of the week resides in Kentucky, as Cincinnati visits Louisville in a Conference USA battle. Both teams are coming off tests against Pacific 10 teams. Cincy took on Southern California, while Louisville hosted the resurgent UCLA Bruins.

-Dave Adler

The GW gymnastics meet on Jan. 26 took place too late for this edition.

Abraham, GW hit on all cylinders

BY BEN OSBORNE
SPORTS EDITOR

The GW women's basketball team is on a roll now, and from all indications it isn't likely to be stopped by an Atlantic 10 rival. The Colonial Women trounced 14-4 La Salle Saturday, just two days after beating Duquesne by 38 points.

The two big home wins give GW a 13-4 record overall and an 8-0 mark in the A-10.

GW 84, La Salle 52

With 9:55 left in Saturday's rout over La Salle, GW senior center Tajama Abraham assumed a familiar position. She caught a pass along the baseline, turned and spotted up for her smooth 12-foot jump shot.

When the shot went in, Abraham had scored her 1,810 career point, passing Darlene Saar (1992-95) to set the new all-time GW scoring record. Abraham hit enough other jumpers on the day to put together a vintage 22-point game, leading her team in scoring for the umpteenth time of her storied career.

"We've had a lot of great players at GW," GW head coach Joe McKeown said. "So for her to set this record, on a good, well-balanced team, just shows how great TJ is. I think it's a great record."

As usual, GW's strategy coming into the game was to feed the ball inside to Abraham and junior forward Noelia Gomez. Gomez helped out by hitting six of 10 from the field for 17 points, and she also snared a game-high nine rebounds.

Besides the inside play, GW got a particularly strong defensive effort from its guards, Colleen McCreary, Chasity Myers and Marlo Egleston. They helped GW collect 15 steals

and prevented La Salle from establishing any consistency on offense.

While La Salle struggled offensively, GW was on fire. The Colonial Women took a comfortable 40-29 halftime lead thanks to 48 percent shooting in the first half. They then shot 54 percent in the second half to cruise to the victory.

GW 94, Duquesne 56

During halftime of Thursday's romp over Duquesne, GW senior Jeff Carroll hit an improbable half-court shot to earn a free round-trip plane ticket on USAir. It actually wasn't all that improbable, considering nearly every shot GW had thrown up in the first half went through the hoop as well.

The Colonial Women scorched the nets in the first half, shooting 59 percent to take an insurmountable 52-25 lead into the locker room.

Abraham shot a perfect 6-6 in the half and ended up with 22 points. Gomez was 7-11 for the half, and she wound up with game-high totals of 26 points and 10 rebounds.

"I was pleased with our start," McKeown said. "We're going to make people stop (Abraham and Gomez) and work our offense inside-out."

Senior Lisa Cermignano helped GW on defense, keeping the Lady Dukes' Korie Hlede in check. Hlede, who entered the game averaging a league-high 21.2 points per game, scored just 18 on 6-16 shooting.

Once GW took control, the rest of the game was time for more milestones, courtesy of Abraham. The all-American candidate blocked six shots, earning her a GW all-time high of 262 for her career. She also set an all-time A-10 record for blocks in conference games, with 156.



Claire Duggan/Photo Edit

Lisa Cermignano drives to the basket in GW's 84-52 win over La Salle. Cermignano had eight points, seven rebounds and four assists.

GW beats La Salle after tough Xavier loss

BY MATT BONESTEEL
SPORTS EDITOR

If ever there was a game in which GW center Alexander Koul needed to step up his game a notch, it was Saturday against the under-sized La Salle Explorers.

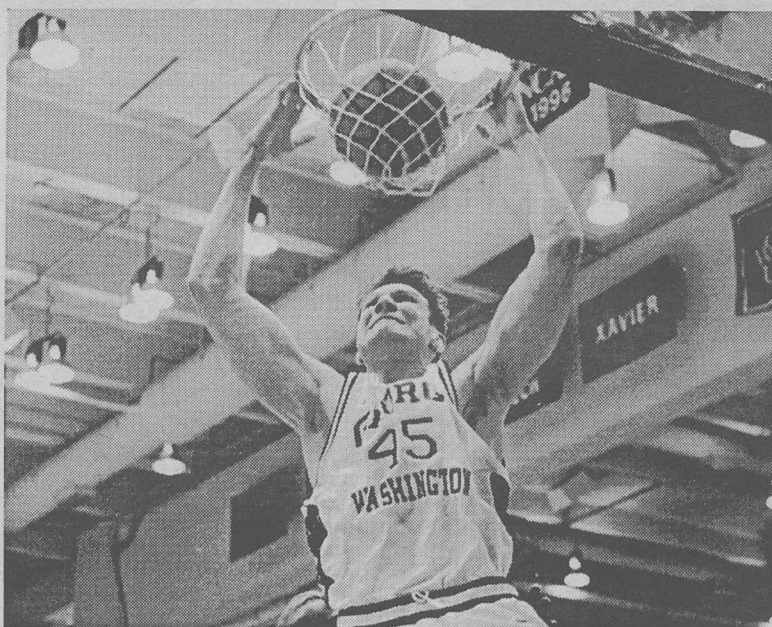
After an exhaustive loss to Xavier, the rest of the Colonials came out flat. But Koul took over the La Salle game in the second half, finishing with 21 points and a career-high 16 rebounds in leading GW to a 56-52 victory over La Salle.

"He's back to playing like the little hungry kid we saw when (the Belarus national team) came on our campus to tour the country three years ago," GW head coach Mike Jarvis said.

GW looked as if it would once again surrender a big lead for the third time in the last four games, as La Salle came back from a 10-point deficit to take a 47-45 lead with 2:50 to go. But Koul and Yegor Mescheriakov hit big shots down the stretch, while GW tightened up on defense to hold on to the win.

The Colonials also got quality time from swingman J.J. Brade, who came off the bench to ignite the 4,324 in attendance at the Smith Center with his acrobatic moves. Brade finished with 12 points on 5-7 shooting.

"I had a little lay-off," Brade said, referring to his two-game



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Alexander Koul slams home two of his 21 points against La Salle. Koul also grabbed a career-high 16 rebounds against the Explorers.

academic suspension. "But that's in the past. You've just got to look forward to what's to come, to try to make this season a positive one."

La Salle freshman Donnie Carr, whose 26.5 points per game leads the Atlantic 10, was held to 16 points on 5 of 23 shooting. Shawn Smith led the Explorers with 18 points.

Xavier 62, GW 61

GW knew it would have to slow things down against the high-scoring Xavier Musketeers. The Colonials did just that on Jan. 23, holding the Musketeers 26 points below their season average.

That was the good news for GW. The bad news was that the Colonials could not find their shot

late in the game, and ended up falling 62-61 in front of 4,932 at the Smith Center.

The game, which saw 13 ties and eight lead changes, was decided in the final minutes as Xavier forward James Posey grabbed an offensive rebound and scored with 1:25 to go, giving the Musketeers a 62-61 lead. GW had two chances to score in the final seconds but could not convert.

Xavier scored on many second chance opportunities throughout the game, which was the key to victory, according to Jarvis.

"We've got to play every single shot as if it's going to be a miss. We didn't do that a couple of times," he said. "That's how fine the line is between winning and losing."

Koul led the Colonials with 20 points and seven rebounds despite only playing eight minutes in the first half due to foul trouble. Both Mescheriakov and Shawnta Rogers added 13 for GW, which shot 42.6 percent for the game.

Xavier was led by Gary Lumpkin and Lenny Brown, who both finished with 12 points.

With his team at 9-7, 4-3 A-10, Jarvis remains optimistic about his team's postseason opportunities. "I still believe that we will be in the big tournament at the end of the year," Jarvis said after the Xavier loss. "The wine is getting closer to being ready."

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